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RAPPORT

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Objet: Renseignements sur Mme A.R.LUSEY née Valentine CHAPOCHNIKOFF (SHAPOSHNIKOFF).

Réfer: Services de Renseignements Américains.

Les Services de Renseignements Américains de la place ont reçu l'ordre de Washington de recueillir des informations sur Mme A.R.LUSEY, femme divorcée de M. LUSEY, directeur de l'agence "Press Wireless", chambre 901, Hamilton House. Cette dame se trouve actuellement aux Etats-Unis où elle a épousé (ou vit maritalement) un jeune officier du "Corps des Marines".

C.D.S.
I.P/G.E.

Ci-après les renseignements que nous avons pu recueillir sur l'intéressée :

Le nom de jeune fille de Mme A.R.LUSEY est Valentine CHAPOCHNIKOFF (SHAPOSHNIKOFF). Elle est d'origine russe. En 1926, lors de son enregistrement au Comité des Réfugiés Russes elle donna les renseignements suivants :

Née à Nice (France) le 16 Juillet 1911, de M. Alexandre CHAPEAUX, Français (?) et de Raïssa LIETNIKOFF, Russe. Son père serait mort en 1921 à Vladivostok. Sa mère épousa ensuite M. CHAPOCHNIKOFF, qui serait décédé en 1925 au Japon. Après sa mort, Mme CHAPOCHNIKOFF se mit en ménage avec un certain M. PITCAIRN, sujet britannique, "Marine Supervisor" à Ichang. Elle serait décédée dans cette ville le 3 Août 1927.

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Il nous a été impossible de vérifier ces renseignements. Cependant, il nous semble qu'ils ne sont pas corrects. D'après nos informations, Valentine CHAPOCHNIKOFF serait née non en France mais en Russie. Elle réussit à obtenir en 1928-29 ⁽¹⁾ du Comité des Emigrés Russes, un certificat d'enregistrement sous le double nom de Mlle Valentine Alexandrovna CHAPOCHNIKOFF-CHAPEAUX. Elle abandonna ensuite son premier nom et se fit appeler Mlle CHAPEAUX.

Valentine CHAPOCHNIKOFF-CHAPEAUX vécut en Extrême-Orient depuis sa plus tendre enfance. Elle reçut une instruction primaire au Japon. En 1923 elle vint à Shanghai où elle entra à la Thomas Hambury School for Girls, (Boone road). Elle dut quitter cet établissement en 1926 n'ayant pu verser les cotisations scolaires dues à cette époque.

Mlle CHAPOCHNIKOFF occupa ensuite plusieurs emplois dans différents établissements commerciaux de la place. Elle travailla entre autres chez Me d'AUXION DE RUFFE. En 1931-32 elle aurait eu une situation financière assez aisée, grâce aux générosités de plusieurs "amis" de la colonie étrangère de Shanghai.

Vers 1934 elle épousa Mr.A.R.LUSEY, citoyen américain.

En 1935 elle fut l'objet d'une plainte pour émission de chèque sans provision. Le plaignant, Mr.S.ROSENSTEIN, propriétaire d'une épicerie l'accusa d'avoir émis, en 1933 un chèque de 46\$ pour paiement de sa facture.

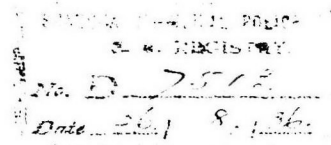
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(1) Depuis cette date elle n'a plus renouvelé son enregistrement.

Melle CHAPOCHNIKOFF aurait ensuite disparu et Mr. ROSENSTEIN ne la rencontra que deux ans après. L'affaire fut réglée à l'amiable, Mr. LUSEY ayant remboursé la somme due.

Vers 1958 Mme LUSEY divorça d'avec son mari. Elle fut vue souvent ensuite en compagnie d'officiers américains et aurait épousé l'un d'eux.

Comme nous l'avons dit plus haut, elle se trouve actuellement aux Etats-Unis. ~~Elle a une très bonne réputation d'être de moeurs légères.~~



August 26, 1936.

Morning translation.

NIPPO

ABUSE OF JAPANESE BY EUROPEANS

The Nippo publishes the following letter signed by "An Angry Person".

A foreign lady used the telephone of a Japanese shop on Woosung Road for too long a time during business hours. Upon being remonstrated with by the proprietor, the lady abused him.

It is to be hoped that the abusive attitude of Europeans towards Japanese will be properly suppressed by the authorities in order to prevent a recurrence of such troubles. At one time some 10 persons, including myself, wanted to use the public telephone at the Hongkong-Shanghai Bank. A Constable of a certain country engaged the telephone for about 30 minutes to talk with his sweetheart. This sort of conduct is common with the people of a certain nation. Sailors of a certain nation have often been handed over to their Consulate by the Dixwell Road Police for creating trouble with Japanese.

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Date *August 26, 1936.*

Subject (in full) *Mrs. A. R. Lusey, American.*

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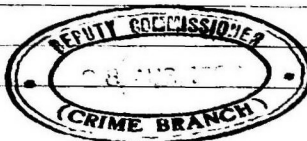
Mrs. A.R. LUSEY, who forms the subject of the article appearing in the "Nippo" of August 25, 1936 entitled "American Lady Creates Trouble at Japanese Shop," is the wife of A.R. Lusey, American, who is employed as a radio engineer and operator by the United Press Associations of America, Sassoon House. Mrs. Lusey is about 25 years of age and has been residing in Shanghai for some seven or eight years. She is regarded as being a very hot-tempered woman.

There is nothing on file to her detriment.

She is at present residing with her husband at No. 115 Route Ferguson, where she has been living since March, 1935.

D.S. Pitts
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Deputy Commissioner (Crime & Special Branches).



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REPORT

Date: August 26, 1936

Subject: Trouble occurred in the "Osakaya", Japanese shop on Woosung Road, on August 24, 1936.

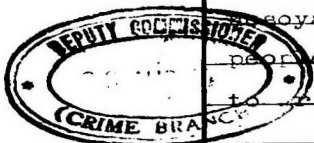
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Inquiries made regarding the attached translation from the "Shanghai Mirror" show that at about 3.30 p.m. August 24, 1936, a foreign lady visited the "Osakaya" Japanese fancy goods store situated at No. 428 Woosung Road, and asked Mr. Hosoya, proprietor of the shop, for permission to use the telephone.

The lady produced a one dollar note for the fee of using the telephone. (It has been the custom of local Japanese telephone subscribers to charge 5 cents for a telephone message, since the enforcement of the new telephone rate). The bank note was changed to small coins at a Chinese shop and change of 95 cents was returned to the lady. The lady engaged in conversation at the telephone for more than 20 minutes, and was still continuing her conversation, when Mr. Hosoya, who is a member of the Municipal Police Force (Specials), requested her not to use the telephone any longer, as it would be an inconvenience to his business. Thereupon the lady became very indignant and abused the proprietor, stating that he was a thief, because although a fee had been paid he wanted to prevent her from continuing her conversation. Mr. Hosoya requested her to leave the shop, but she refused to do so and rang up her husband. In the meantime she made abusive remarks to Mr.

Hosoya, such as "You are a third class nation like the Chinese people", "You are a monkey", "You are a coolie", this according to Mr. Hosoya.

As a number of people crowded in and out of the shop at the time, Mr. Hosoya telephoned to Hongkew Station, requesting police assistance. J.P.S. Sagawa and J.D.C. Noda of Hongkew Station, arriving at the scene shortly later, requested the lady to settle the trouble at the station, but she declined.



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stating that she would not leave there until the arrival of her husband. The police officers, however, succeeded in persuading her to accompany them to the station to ether with Mr. Moroya and a Japanese named Takai, a witness.

At the station the lady gave her name and address as Mrs. Lusey, American citizen, Room No. 4, House No. 115 Route Ferguson and complained that she had been insulted by Mr. Moroya who had forced her to lay down the receiver and that he had been impolite to a lady. Mr. Moroya also complained that he had been insulted and his business had been disturbed. They were told by the officer on duty at the station that complaint would be filed with the competent authorities and they then left the station.

On August 25 Mr. Moroya reported this matter to the Japanese Consular Police, requesting the Japanese Authorities to file his complaint with the American Authorities.

The Japanese Authorities have so far received no complaint from either Mrs. Lusey or the American Authorities.

N. Kawashita
D. S.

Deputy Commissioner,
(Crime and Special Branch).

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Morning Translation.

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Mr. Hosotani reported the matter to Hongkew Station. Mr. Takei of Hongkew Police, who happened to pass by, attempted to pacify the lady but she also abused Mr. Takei and told him that she was a newspaper reporter and that she would cause the shop to close. She was finally taken to the Station. The trouble lasted an hour.

Mr. Hosotani will file a charge with the American Consulate against the lady for obstructing his business as well as injuring his prestige. The lady gave her name to the Police as Mrs. "Rusy", wife of an American newspaper correspondent.

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COL. KAGESA COMING TO SHANGHAI

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